THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The proposal for fixing the minimum support price of non-nationalized minor forest produce was presented by the Chhattisgarh Government to the Cabinet Secretary, Government of India during his visit to Raipur in September, 2007. The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, has been assigned the task by Cabinet Secretary.

(b) The exact amount was not specified. The approximate annual value of raw non-nationalized minor forest produce is Rs. 300 crores.

(c) Approximately 12.65 lakh families mostly tribals are engaged in the collection of Non Timber Forest Produce.

(d) A Committee has been constituted in the Ministry to deliberate in this regard.

Inter Governmental panel on climate change

†1124. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that U.N. findings by Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have been challenged by new report; and

(b) in what manner this influence the economic development in India as compared to earlier one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the findings contained both in the fourth assessment report of the Inter Government Panel on Climate Change published in the year 2007 and the Civil Society Report on Climate Change published in 2008. The Government is also seized of the concerns and challenges of projected climate change relating to impacts, vulnerability and adaptation in key sectors of economic development such as agriculture, water, health, energy and infrastructure. The Eleventh Five Year Plan addresses the concerns of climate change. The National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) was released by the Prime Minister on 30th June 2008. The National Action plan outlines eight missions in specific areas of Solar, Enhanced Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Habitat, Water, Sustaining the Himalayan Eco-system, Green India, Sustainable Agriculture and Strategic knowledge for Climate Change. The National Mission for sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem is aimed at evolving management measures for sustaining and safeguarding the Himalayan glacier and mountain eco-system.

Financial package to save tiger

1125. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government has proposed any financial package and incentives to save the tiger;

(b) if so, the amount allocated, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Under the ongoing centrally sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, financial assistance is being provided to tiger range State for protection of tigers and management of tiger reserves which, *inter alia*, includes provision of project allowance to staff of Project Tiger as incentives. The financial assistance provided to tiger range States is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Question does not arise.

Statement

Financial assistance provided to Tiger Range States.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Tiger Reserve Range State	2005-06 (including all India estimation)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68.7926	46.675	73.9175	26.0830
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	172.418	237.3725	110.2542	54.7805
3.	Assam	86.4896	87.431	95.614	221.2690
4.	Bihar	6.4918	69.9554	98.3205	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	24.3343	10.00	35.225	92.1296
6.	Karnataka	453.2246	286.277	1159.71491	235.7748
7.	Kerala	116.1708	109.00	153.2449	86.6000
8.	Jharkhand	164.1784	155.967	45.16	48.2165
9.	Madhya Pradesh	777.2676	897.942	2975.94113	2083.6589
10.	Maharashtra	334.19	238.56	295.71907	233.1276
11.	Mizoram	65.156	115.16	82.90	80.0000
12.	Orissa	107.0024	183.8717	43.28	398.760
13.	Rajasthan	281.2458	176.541	410.68	2477.3026
14.	Tamil Nadu	136.9528	108.535	45.50	208.8360
15.	Tripura (only for all India tiger estimation)	0.50	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	Uttaranchal	159.9212	192.78	202.005	270.8400
17.	Uttar Pradesh	162.8782	183.265	134.89	157.5100
18.	West Bengal	228.29358	190.5283	308.67414	111.5693
	ALL INDIA	3345.5076	3289.8609	6270.94035	6786.4578

Environment friendly technologies

1126. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he reportedly said that developing countries like India badly need access to environment-friendly technologies specially in energy, transportation, manufacturing and agriculture;

(b) whether he also sought a national debate on energy pricing policies to examine whether over use of resources through misdirected subsidies was leading to environmental degradation; and

(c) if so, whether Government has so far finalized the "National Plan of Action on Climate Change" including energy policies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The need for environment friendly technologies and a comprehensive energy policy have been emphasized including implications for environment protection.

The Prime Minister released the National Action Plan on Climate Change in end June 2008. The Action Plan includes five missions on adaptation, two on mitigation and one on strategic knowledge. Concerned Ministries are firming up the details for these Missions.

The Report of the Expert Committee on Integrated Energy Policy was submitted in August 2006 and forms the basis of formulation of the proposed integrated energy policy. The policy document proposes an approach for optional supply and utilization of energy and the creation of a competitive energy market in India. A meeting of full Planning Commission was chaired by Prime Minister in September 2008 to discuss the draft on Integrated Energy Policy for the country.

Forest cover in country

1127. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forest cover in the country is receding every year; and

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken to increase the forest cover in the country to restore the eco-system?